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24/7 Coverage by Non-Transport Agencies

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

Following the December 2003 EMSAC meeting that resulted in a recommendation to no longer issue perpetual waivers for 24/7 response due to limited staffing, the EMS Bureau sent out a letter to all EMS agencies. The intended impact was to educate EMS agencies that respond to emergency calls in their communities that there needs to be 24/7 response time reliability. It was suggested that this might be accomplished by instituting active recruitment and retention programs and merging with other agencies when needed.

Discussion at the July 1 EMSAC meeting centered on industrial, recreation area, event driven or seasonal agencies minimum staffing standards versus community 911 responders. intended

While it was recognized

that rural EMS agencies may have difficulty in attaining this standard, and local authority can develop local policy, they cannot fall below minimum standards set by state laws and rules.

The conclusion to the discussion resulted in the following two motions.

1): Adhere to the 24/7 standard as an expectation for all non-transport EMS 911 responders, allowing temporary waivers where plans are in place for either recruitment, training or secondary agency response.
2): EMS Bureau should pursue rule change to add another category of EMS responder type, specifically for industrial, recreation area, event driven or seasonal agencies that do not respond to 911 responses within their communities, so they do not need waivers.

Licensure Project

The Bureau is working to enhance and streamline the initial and licensure renewal process. The expectation is that an agency would receive a resource CD that has guidance for new agencies with rule and statute linked to the corresponding standards manual, as well as links to national standards such as KKK ambulance specs and OSHA infectious disease standards. These resources would be guides to assist agencies develop policy and procedures that adhere to Idaho specific regulation pertaining to EMS. This CD would also house the necessary documentation for initial and renewal of EMS licensure applications.

EMS: Outside the Box Southern Idaho EMS Conference

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Dedicated Grants FY05

Applications for the FY2005 EMS Dedicated Grant funds were reviewed on June 29th, 2004, by the EMSAC Grants Sub-committee. Requests from EMS agencies totaled \$3,675,169. This amount reflected requests of \$3,261,919 for vehicles and \$413,250 for equipment items. The Dedicated Grant Fund is generated by a fee on driver's licenses and accrued approximately \$1,205,400 for this year's disbursement. Of the total funds available, approximately 80% was awarded for vehicles and 20% was awarded for

equipment.

All applications and requests were evaluated using the criteria as written in the Dedicated Grant Rules and the EMS Fund III Dedicated Grant Standards Manual, along with the review by the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC) and the EMS Bureau, to determine agency and item eligibility and a prioritized list for funding.

Only EMS transport and non-transport response vehicles were approved for funding. Although some were applied for, fire apparatus, off-road, storage

trailers or boats were not funded. EMS transport vehicle funding was not awarded to EMS non-transport agencies; if approved for a vehicle, they received funding consistent with non-transport vehicle prices. Maximum amounts were established for vehicles and certain equipment items, based on the average and median price quotes submitted with applications for these items.

The following list contains the list of agencies that received EMS vehicles this year.

EMSAC Membership Task Force

The Membership Task Force met to further discuss and begin development of an EMSAC policy and procedure manual. Content of the manual will include information on the following topics:

- 🚓 EMSAC general session meeting policy and responsibilities
- 🚓 EMSAC member seats by number and type and how these members are assigned or selected
- 🚓 EMSAC member terms of service
- 🚓 New member expectations
- 🚓 EMS Bureau sub-committee representative roles and responsibilities
- 🚓 Ad hoc member roles
- 🚓 Attendance expectations
- 🚓 Responsibilities of the EMSAC sub-committees
- 🚓 Meeting procedures for sub-committee meetings
- 🚓 Role and selection process of sub-committee chair

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FY05 DEDICATED GRANT VEHICLE AWARDS

Agency	Award
Harrison Ambulance	\$91,600
St Maries Ambulance	\$90,446
Tensed Ambulance Service	\$90,072
Elk City Ambulance Service	\$91,600
Genesee Community Ambulance	\$91,600
Lapwai Valley QRU	\$59,200
St Mary's Hospital Ambulance	\$87,100
Bliss Quick Response	\$47,200
Carey Quick Response	\$54,700
Elmore County Rescue	\$59,200
City of Chubbuck	\$59,200
Clark County Ambulance	\$65,664
Gibbonsville QRU	\$59,200
South Custer County Ambulance	\$91,283
TOTAL	\$1,038,065

EMSAC Sub-Committee Reports

AIR-MEDICAL

The committee agreed to discourage “weather shopping” and revise notification agreement by separating the rotation policy from the notification agreement.

DISCIPLINARY

The committee addressed a complaint regarding a Quick Response Unit (QRU) canceling an Advanced Life Support (ALS) unit sent by dispatch prior to being on scene and requesting mutual aid ALS from a mutual aid provider. **Findings:** There was no basis for agency or certificate action.

An anonymous complaint was discussed regarding Emergency Medical Technician—Basic (EMT-Basic) responding to call under the influence of alcohol. **Findings:** The committee recommended that the provider’s certification be suspended for 30 days.

EDUCATION

The Emergency Medical Technician—Intermediate (EMT-I) sub-committee reported on a recent meeting held to review the first draft of the EMT-I curriculum. The sub-committee recommended deletions from the preparatory section and addition of adenosine to the cardiac module.

The Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) training schedule was distributed.

Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) rules were expanded as of July 1, 2004. DNR now applies to all health care providers, not just EMS providers. Program materials are being updated.

GRANTS

A review of Dedicated Grant applications and award recommendations were made. See related article.

The Training Grant application and agency survey was reviewed for distribution in July. The committee set the grant review teleconference.

The Rural Automatic External Defibrillator (RAED)

tentative distribution plan is focusing this year on law enforcement.

LICENSURE

- Licensure Project: See related article.
- Northside Fire: Initial BLS non-transport-licensure was approved, contingent upon submission of First Responder appropriate scope of practice.
- Oneida County Ambulance: Upgraded to Intermediate Life Support (ILS) transport- from Basic Life Support (BLS)
- Priest River EMT Association: 24/7 coverage waiver was granted until January 1, 2005 for less than 24/7 staffing.
- West End EMS: Initial BLS non-transport stand-by event only-Approved for initial licensure for event only EMS coverage.

MEDICAL DIRECTION

The EMS Medical Directors course is scheduled for October 2 at Templin's Resort in Post Falls, Idaho. The sub-committee reviewed the draft Board of Medicine Rules with much discussion concerning EMS providers being able to use hospitals as primary affiliations. The EMS Agency affiliation requirement was removed from the Board of Medicine rules but remains in EMS Bureau rules. Benefactors of this could be rural areas where personnel might maintain certification by working in hospital Emergency Departments.

MEMBERSHIP TASK FORCE

See related article

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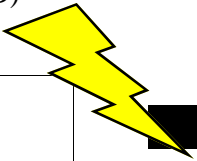
A recommendation was made for hospitals to submit 62 variable data points to provide data for linkage to 24 EMS Patient Care Report (PCR) data points, and 17 Office of Highway Safety data points. Rules have been drafted and operational funding sources are being considered.

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EMSAC Membership Task Force

- Description and role of standing sub-committees
- Description and role of specialty sub-committees, including task forces and advisory committees

On the agenda for the September meeting is the task of defining ad hoc member roles, specifically defining use and selection of ad hoc members and the voting authority of ad hoc members within sub-committees.



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